

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION**

**CHRISTOPHER BRUMFIELD**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-2147**

**VS.**

**SECTION P**

**JOHN GUNTER, ET AL.**

**JUDGE JAMES**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE HAYES**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Before the court is a civil rights complaint (42 U.S.C. § 1983) filed *in forma pauperis* on November 9, 2006, by *pro se* plaintiff, Christopher Brumfield. Plaintiff is an inmate incarcerated at the East Carroll Parish Detention Center (ECPDC), Lake Providence, Louisiana. In this action he complains about the conditions of confinement at that facility. On January 18, 2007, the undersigned completed an initial review of the complaint and, having found the complaint deficient, ordered the plaintiff to amend within thirty days of the date of the order. [doc. 9] More than thirty days have passed and plaintiff has failed to amend his complaint as ordered.

**LAW AND ANALYSIS**

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 41(b) permits dismissal of claims “For failure of the plaintiff to prosecute or to comply with ... any order of court...” The district court also has the inherent authority to dismiss an action *sua sponte*, without motion by a defendant. *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388-89, 8 L.Ed.2d 734 (1962). “The power to invoke this sanction is necessary in order to prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the [d]istrict [c]ourts.” *McCullough v.*

*Lynnaugh*, 835 F.2d 1126, 1127 (5th Cir.1988). Plaintiff has failed to comply with an order to amend. Therefore,

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that plaintiff's Civil Rights Complaint be **DISMISSED** in accordance with the provisions of FRCP Rule 41(b).

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule 72(b), parties aggrieved by this recommendation have ten (10) business days from service of this report and recommendation to file specific, written objections with the Clerk of Court. A party may respond to another party's objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of any objections or response to the district judge at the time of filing.

**Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual findings and/or the proposed legal conclusions reflected in this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days following the date of its service, or within the time frame authorized by Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b), shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking either the factual findings or the legal conclusions accepted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error. See, Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association, 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996).**

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** in Chambers at Monroe, Louisiana, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

  
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KAREN L. HAYES  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE